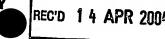
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I.	Basis	of	the	report
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 With regard to the elements of the international application (Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)):

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3.	With inte	n regard to any <b>nucle</b> rnational preliminary	ectide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:				
		contained in the international application in written form.					
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		The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.					
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4.	The	he amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:					
		the description,	pages:				
		the claims,	Nos.:				
		the drawings,	sheets:				

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5. 🗆	This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).	ave
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(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

- 6. Additional observations, if necessary:
- V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- 1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims
No: Claims
Inventive step (IS)

Yes: Claims
1-11
No: Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)

Yes: Claims
1-11

No: Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

## Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The closest prior art is constituted by D1 = WO-A-01/43553. From D1 an 1) apparatus and method is known from which the subject-matter of present independent claims 1 and 11 in particular differ in that second supporting means are provided sideways to the first supporting means for supporting the fish fillet. The means for providing an attractive force between the first and second supporting means are likewise not disclosed in D1.

The subject-matter of present independent claims 1 and 11 is therefore novel (Article 33.2 PCT).

- 2) Since neither the second supporting means nor the means for providing the force between the first and second supporting means are disclosed in any of the cited documents and since the effect thereby achieved (secure positioning of fish in order to ensure correct removal of bones) is likewise not discussed in the prior art, the subject-matter of present independent claims 1 and 11 is considered to be non-obvious (Article 33.3 PCT).
- Claims 2-10 are dependent claims referring to claim 1 and likewise meet the 3) requirements of the PCT with regard to novelty and inventive step (Article 33.2 and 33.3 PCT).
- The subject-matter of the present international application is considered to be 4) industrially applicable (Article 33.4 PCT).